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EVENTS FOR 'SALUTE TO U.S.'

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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, CALGARY STAMPEDE OFFICIALS
FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THAT STEVEN FORD, SON OF PRESIDENT AND MRS.
FORD, WILL BE PARADE MARSHALL FOR THE 1976 CALGARY STAMPEDE
. THIS AND RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS CULMINATED FIVE MONTHS OF
ACTIVITY CONCENTRATED ON BRINGING TO CALGARY REPRESENTATIVE
INDIVIDUALS AND EXHIBITS TO SUPPORT THE SALUTE TO THE U.S.
BICENTENNIALS THEME ADOPTED BY THE STAMPEDE BOARD.

2. IN ADDITION TO MR. FORD, THE UNITED STATES ABAASSADOR TO
CANADA, THOMAS O. ENDERS, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE OPENING
Q DAY CEREMONIES. JOHN WARNER, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION, WILL VISIT CALGARY
SOMETIME DURING THE TEN-DAY PROGRAM. ALBERTA PREMIER PETER
LOUGHEED, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES JAKE
WARREN, AND SEVERAL OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. WESTERN
STATES ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

3. VARIOUS U.S.-CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT
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FLARE SQUARE, A CENTRAL PART OF THE CALGARY STAMPEDE GROUNDS,

AND THAT AREA WILL FEATURE THE DISPLAY OF THE U.S. FLAG AND THE FLAGS OF THE 50 STATES.

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL FILM BOARD WILL HAVE ON EXHIBIT ITS STILLPHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY BETWEEN FRIENDS . ARBA IS SENDING ITS BICENTENNIAL MULTI-MEDIA FILM PRESENTATION FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. A COMMERCIAL SOUND FILM AMERICA, WE WANT TO SHAKE YOUR HAND IS TO BE SPONSORED BY AN ALBERTA COMPANY, AND AN EXHIBITION OF U.S. WESTERN ART WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

4. ON THE ENTERTAINMENT SIDE, BOB HOPE, HELEN REDDY, AND TONY ORLANDO AND DAWN WILL BE FEATURED PERFORMERS. DALE EVANS WILL CONDUCT A SPECIAL U.S.-CANADA RELIGIOUS SERVICE. THE NORAD MILITARY BAND IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT SEVERAL CONCERTS, AND THERE WILL BE FLY-OVERS BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON WILL HAVE A PARK EXHIBIT, OREGON IS STAGING A TIMBER CARNIVAL, UTAH WILL PRESENT A THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE GROUP, HAWAII WILL FEATURE A CHILDREN S CHORUS , AND A PERFORMING RIDING GROUP WILL BE SENT TO CALGARY FROM WYOMING. APPROXIMATELY 20 U.S. BANDS WILL TAKE PART IN THE OPENING PARADE OR IN OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS, AND THE EVENING GRANDSTAND SHOW WILL FEATURE CALGARY S YOUNG CANADIANS IN A ONE-HOUR SALUTE TO THE U.S.A. MUSICAL PROGRAM.

5. THE CONSULATE GENERAL GREATLY APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY, THE DEPARTMENT, USIS, AND ARBA IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE BICENTENNIAL THEME BY THE STAMPEDE. IT HAS BEEN A RATHER DRAWN-OUT AND TIME-CONSUMING PROJECT, BUT HOPEFULLY MOST ARRANGEMENTS NOW APPEAR TO BE FINALIZED AND IT SHOULD BE A GOOD STAMPEDE 1976.

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